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ONLY ADD 14 (SYRIAN 'HIGH TREASON' SENTENCES)

XXX ATTACHED TO NATO.

(TEXT) THE LEGAL BASES OF THE JUDGEMENT, WHICH WERE ISSUED LAST SUNDAY AND RELEASED TODAY, SAY THAT IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN EAST BERLIN IN 1966 THE TWO ACCUSED SMUGGLED 66 CITIZENS FROM EAST GERMANY IN A DIPLOMATIC CAR FOR AN ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION DIRECTED BY FUCHS WOLFGANG-- AN ALLEGED AGENT OF THE CIA ATTACHED TO NATO. BOTH OF THE ACCUSED HAVE FLED TO WEST GERMANY.

THE SENTENCE ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE CONFISCATION OF THE MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF BOTH.

THE SPECIAL MILITARY COURT SAID THAT IT HAS PASSED A SEVERE SENTENCE BECAUSE THE CRIME TOOK PLACE AFTER THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SEVERED ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY, WHICH IT REGARDS AS AN ENEMY STATE BECAUSE OF ITS HOSTILE STAND TOWARD THE ARABS AND ITS OPEN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

SYRIAN WAS AMONG 10 ARAB STATES WHICH BROKE OFF RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY IN MAY 1965 WHEN THE LATTER ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

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